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SUBJECT: National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS)

This office has recently entered into an agreement with the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS). The purpose is to demonstrate, through pilot deployments at selected public sector maintenance activities, that a wide range of commercial manufacturing technologies and best business practices currently unavailable to the DoD can have a substantial impact upon operating and sustainment costs while enhancing the readiness of major weapon systems. This initiative has been designated The Commercial Technology for Maintenance Activities (CTMA) Program. The attached Fact Sheet contains additional details about this program.

In consultation with the Services, NCMS will work with its 200 member companies to promote projects where DoD and private companies can come together and achieve mutually beneficial technology solutions while leveraging their scarce R&D dollars. These members represent a broad spectrum of industry, each involved in collaborative development.

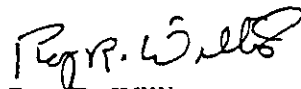
The initial funding for this program is \$5 million, with NCMS member organizations providing matching funds of \$5 to \$10 million.

While the initial funding of \$5 million in Fiscal Year 1997 (2 year money) will be provided by OSD, at the Services' option they may pursue additional collaborative projects with NCMS. At present, the Fiscal Year 1999 budget will provide for an additional \$5 million.

Our intent is to work with the Service Staffs to select the projects with the greatest potential benefits.



Please provide the name of your Point of Contact to Alex Smirnow at 614-0862, or "asmirnow@acq.osd.mil". Proposed projects will be processed by NCMS for potential industry collaboration. The Point of Contact is Mr. Kerry Barnett, (313) 995-4974 or "kerryb@ncms.org". Additional information about NCMS is available on their home page, "<http://www.ncms.org>".



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Attachment:
As stated